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SUBJECT: SCHEDULED COLLOQUIUM ON US/BRAZIL RELATIONS

1. A COLLOQUIUM ON BRAZIL-US RELATIONS IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19-20. THIS IS INR FUNDED EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROJECT AND IS ONE OF A SERIES ORGANIZED BY PROF. RONALD SCHNEIDER AS PART OF A STUDY PROJECT ON BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY. THIS PARTICULAR SESSION WILL FOCUS ON POLITICAL ISSUES IN BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE "STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD" (TOM FARER); "HUMAN RIGHTS AS GOAL FOR U.S. POLICY TOWARD BRAZIL" (JOHN CATES, JR. AND WAYNE SELCHER); "THE BRAZILIAN CHURCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNAL POLITICS"(RALPH DELLA CAVA AND BRADY TYSON); "THE NUCLEAR ISSUE NOW AND LATER" (NORMAN GALL AND STEFAN ROBOCK; "FUTURE TRENDS IN BRAZIL'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT" (KENNETH ERICKSON OF HUNTER AND JORDAN YOUNG OF PACE).

3. COLLOQUIUM WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LAST FEBRUARY

BUT POSTPONED AT LAST MINUTE BECAUSE OF IMMINENT VISIT TO BRAZIL BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER. AT THAT TIME,

HOWEVER, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT COLLOQUIUM WOULD ATTRACT LARGE OUTSIDE PARTICIPATION. IN CONTRAST, PRESENT PLANNED SESSION WOULD BE HELD IN FOREIGN SERVICE CLUB AND DEPARTMENT ITSELF, ATTENDED BY PERSONNEL FROM STATE, CIA AND NSC WITH ONLY OUTSIDERS BEING INTERLOCUTORS NAMED ABOVE.

4. OUR PRESENT CONCERN IS WHETHER THIS COLLOQUIUM, SCHEDULED BEFORE KNOWLEDGE OF MRS. CARTER'S TRIP, WOULD BE LIKELY TO AFFECT HER PLANNED VISIT TO BRAZIL SHOULD THE BRAZILIANS BECOME AWARE OF ITS AGENDA -- AND WE MUST ASSUME THEY MAY. A SECOND POSTPONEMENT WOULD HAVE STRONG ADVERSE IMPACT ON ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AT TIME WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO EXPAND ITS INTERACTION WITH THE BUREAU. BUT OUR OVERRIDING CONCERN IS TO AVOID PREJUDICING SUCCESS OF FORTHCOMING VISIT.

5. MY INCLINATION IS TO GO AHEAD AND SEEK TO MINIMIZE ANY PUBLIC NOTICE. BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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